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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 1536

PLEASE REPEAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY:

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ROGERS AND POPPER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CI, OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT: YOUR HOUSING IN SANTIAGO

1. FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS IN SANTIAGO DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS, IT IS CLEAR THAT YOUR VISIT TO CHILE WILL BE REGARDED AS A TRULY MOMENTOUS EVENT ON THE LOCAL SCENE. WHILE YOUR CHILEAN HOSTS REGRET THAT YOU WILL NOT BE SPENDING MORE TIME HERE, THEY WILL DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO MAKE THAT PERIOD AS PRODUCTIVE AND PLEASANT AS POSSIBLE.

2. THERE IS A PHYSICAL PROBLEM HERE IN SANTIAGO ON WHICH AMBASSADOR POPPER AND I WOULD WELCOME YOUR EARLY COMMENT.
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OF THE TWO MAJOR HOTELS IN SANTIAGO, THE ONE IN THE CENTER

OF THE CITY IS ANTIQUATED AND RECENTLY NOTORIOUS FOR ITS ROACHES. THE OTHER IS 15 MINUTES OUT OF TOWN, MODERN, BUT WITH MICROSCOPIC ROOMS. THE LATTER IS SOMEWHAT PREFERABLE. NEITHER IS PARTICULARLY WELL SUITED TO YOUR NEEDS.

3. THERE ARE TWO OTHER POSSIBILITIES. THE POPPERS WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF MRS. KISSINGER AND YOU WOULD STAY WITH THEM. BUT IF YOU PREFER NOT TO STAY AT RESIDENCE, WE HAVE IN MIND AS A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE A MODERN PRIVATE RESIDENCE, FAIRLY LARGE AND WITH A SWIMMING POOL AND SAUNA, WHICH HAS BEEN OFFERED TO THE EMBASSY FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE HOUSE IS A FEW MINUTES FARTHER FROM THE CENTER OF TOWN THAN THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE AND THE SECOND HOTEL. IT IS PRESENTLY FURNISHED (PERHAPS OVER FURNISHED) BUT UNOCCUPIED EXCEPT FOR A STAFF OF OLD FAMILY RETAINERS. IT BELONGS TO MRS. EASTMAN, THE MOTHER OF AGUSTIN EDWARDS (OWNER OF EL MERCURIO NEWS CHAIN AND OTHER MAJOR CHILEAN ENTERPRISES). THERE IS ANOTHER BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY WHICH COULD BE USED BY SECURITY SERVICES, BUT ONLY ONE EXISTING PHONE LINE. OUR LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND SECURITY PEOPLE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE SATISFACTORY FROM THEIR STANDPOINT AND YOURS.

4. IF THE EMBASSY COULD HAVE SOME INDICATION OF YOUR GENERAL PREFERENCE, IT WILL START PREPARING AT ONCE TO MAKE YOUR STAY AS COMFORTABLE AS POSSIBLE.

POPPER

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